

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
MARCH 13, 2018**

Mr. Nachtigal called the reorganization meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:32 P.M.

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Health was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both the *Chatham Courier* and the *Morris County Daily Record* on January 10, 2018; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 10, 2018; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 10, 2018.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Mr. Selen, Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Plantemoli and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Samara and Mrs. Dolan were also present. Ms. Taormina was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Selen moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that in January, several retail food establishment inspections were performed and were all satisfactory. Retail food establishment inspections performed in February were also satisfactory. In February there was a septic bed inspection on Loantaka Lane, and it passed inspection. Mr. Nachtigal asked for elaboration on the septic bed inspection. Mr. Samara said that inspections were performed as the work went along. Mr. Nachtigal also asked about past issues with a bear getting into the dumpster at the Fairmount Country Store. Mr. Samara said that the lids have been kept closed, and he has not received any recent complaints on the matter.

Public Health Nurse

Mrs. Dolan reported that a men's health clinic will be held on June 11th, which includes various cancer screenings. Mrs. Plantemoli asked who staffs the screenings, and Mrs. Dolan said that they have a doctor who performs the screenings. The screening will be held from 6:00 to 8:00, and is free to participants. Mrs. Plantemoli asked about attendance. Mrs. Dolan said that the screenings are not well attended, however there is sometimes a boost in attendance when a celebrity is diagnosed with a particular cancer. Participants do not need insurance, however they ask for the participant's doctor's name so that any findings can be passed along. Mrs. Dolan also commented on women's health screenings. Mrs. Dolan also said that uninsured women who are 40+ years old are referred to a hospital for the NJ Cancer Early Detection Program.

Mr. Nachtigal asked if there are still flu vaccinations available. Mrs. Dolan said that flu shots are still available, and requests have tapered off. Many people were vaccinated this year, and there were not any shortages in the supply. Next year the Flu Mist will be available, and Mrs. Dolan commented on why it was not used in prior years. Mrs. Dolan also reported that she has vaccines available for children. For adults, they either need to be uninsured or have insurance which does not cover the vaccine in order to be eligible. She also said that about 10 years ago there were federal funds available for unrestricted vaccinations.

Mr. Nachtigal asked if lead testing is just for children who have elevated levels. He also said that some states are proactive regarding lead regarding home renovations. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that when people get permits and have contractors, there will be a licensed lead removal contractor. However when people do renovations themselves, there is no mechanism to license

lead removal. Mr. Fitzpatrick also said that the State is following CDC guidelines. Mr. Nachtigal said that sometimes contractors who remove paint from a house without measures to deal with potential lead. Mr. Fitzpatrick also addressed measures that are required to be taken during demolition of homes. Mrs. Dolan gave an example of when she had her own house repainted, and the contractor informed neighbors as any potential lead issues were unknown. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that lead is not an issue for homes built after the 1950's.

Health Officer

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he reviewed a remediation report regarding the former Green Village Road School in Madison, and the Health Department receives reports about contaminated sites in the Township. He also reported that the Fairmount Country Club now has a discharge pipe from their swimming pool, and they have asked if it can be discharged into a seepage pit. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that they were instructed to consult a professional engineer to determine where the pipe can be placed. He further noted that there are regulations that affect pool discharge so as to protect against groundwater contamination.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in January 2018:

2 Marriage License	\$56
4 Marriage Certificates	\$30
9 Death Certificates	<u>\$50</u>
Total	\$136

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in February 2018:

2 Marriage License	\$56
6 Marriage Certificates	\$50
4 Death Certificates	<u>\$25</u>
Total	\$131

Mr. Nachtigal moved to accept the reports. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary